

# DIRECTIONS OF THE 1691 LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

After advice had with the Assembly  
of Divines, for the electing and choosing of  
**RULING-ELDERS** in all the  
Congregations, and in the Classicall Assem-  
blies for the Cities of *London* and  
*Westminster*, and the severall Counties  
of the Kingdom :

For the speedy setting of the  
**Presbyteriall-Government.**

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*Die Martis 19 August. 1645.*

**O**rdered by the LORDS Assembled in Parliament, That  
these Directions for electing of Elders in particular  
Congregations, and Classicall Assemblies, be forthwith prin-  
ted and published.

*Joh. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*

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10. The following table gives the number of hours per week spent by students in various activities.



*Die Martis, 19 Augusti. 1645.*

# DIRECTIONS FOR THE Election of Elders.

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**H**at the Ruling Elders of a Parochiall and congregationall Eldership shall be chosen by the severall Ministers, and members of their Congregation respectively, being such as have taken the Nationall Covenant, and are not persons under age, nor servants that have no families.

2. That notice of such election, and of the day when it shall be given by the Minister in the publique assembly the next Lords day but one before, and on that said Lords day a Sermon be preached preparatoty to that weighty businesse.

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3. That no man be chosen for a Ruling-Elder but only for one Congregation, and that in the place where his most settled dwelling and employment doth lie.

4. That it shall be lawfull for the Congregation respectively, or any other persons to exhibite exceptions against any person elected as aforesaid, touching the right of his election, or touching matter of ignorance, or scandall, hereafter mentioned, within fourteene daies next after the said election to such persons, Ministers, and others, as shall be appointed by Authority of Parliament, to receive the said exceptions, which said persons shall have power to receive, heare, and determine all complaints against any Elder of ignorance and scandall, within the description of ignorance and scandall hereafter mentioned.

And shall have power to approve the person so elected, in case no just exception, as aforesaid, shall be proved against him. But if he shall upon just proofe be found ignorant or scandalous, as aforesaid, then to remove him. And if any of the said Elders shall be adjudged to be removed, as aforesaid, then another shall be chosen in his place, as aforesaid.

5. That

5. That such shall be chosen for Ruling Elders as are men of good understanding in matters of Religion, sound in the faith, prudent, discreet, grave, and of unblameable conversation. And willing to undergoe the said Office.

6. That all parishes and places whatsoever, ( as well privileged places, and exempt jurisdictions, as others ) be brought under the gouernment of Congregationall, Clasicall, Provinciall, and Nationall Assemblies. Provided. that the Chappels or places in the houses of the Peeres of this Realme shall continue free for the exercise of Divine duties, to be performed according to the Directory..

7. That the Chappell of the Rolles, the two Serjeants Innes , and the foure Innes of Court, shall be each of them a Congregationall Presbytery within themselves, and make a Clasicall Presbytery in the whole.

8. That the Province of London shall be divided into twelve Clasicall Elderships according to the distributions hereafter following :

The first Clasis to containe :

<b>A</b>	Lhallowes Breadstreet,	Anne Blackfriers,
	Andrewes Wardrobe,	Austins Parish,
		Bennet

Bennet Pauls wharfe,	Mary Aldermary,
Faiths,	Mary le Bow,
Gregories,	Matthew Fridaystreet,
John Evangelist,	Mildreds Breadstreet,
Margaret Moses,	Pauls,
Martin Ludgate,	Peters Pauls wharfe.

The second Classis to containe :

Anthomes vulgo An-	Mary Mounthaunt vul-
thelms,	go Mounthaw.
Bennet Sherehogge.	Michael Queene Hithe,
James Garlickhithe,	Michael Royall,
John Baptists,	Nicholas old Abby,
Martin in the Vintry,	Nicholas Olaves,
Mary Magdalen old fish-	Pancret Soperlane,
street,	Thomas Apostle,
Mary Somerset,	Trinity Parish.

The third Classis to containe :

Alhallowes the greater,	Mary Bothaw,
Alhallowes the lesse,	Mary Woolchurch,
Alhallowes Lumberstreet,	Mary Woolnoth,
Edmunds Lumberstreet,	Nicholas Aron,
Lawrence Pountney,	Stephens in Walbrook,
Mary Abchurch,	Swithens,

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## The fourth Classis to containe :

<i>Andrew Hubbert,</i>	<i>Magnus,</i>
<i>Bennet Grace-church,</i>	<i>Margaret New-fishstreet,</i>
<i>Buttolph Billingsgate,</i>	<i>Martin Orgars,</i>
<i>Clement's in Eastcheape,</i>	<i>Maryhill,</i>
<i>Dionis Backchurch,</i>	<i>Michael Crookedlane.</i>
<i>George Buttolph-lane,</i>	<i>Michael Cornhill,</i>
<i>Leonard in Eastcheape,</i>	<i>Peters Cornhill.</i>

## The fifth Classis to containe :

<i>Anne Aldersgate,</i>	<i>Mary Staynings,</i>
<i>Buttolph Aldersgate,</i>	<i>Michael in the Corne,</i>
<i>Brides,</i>	<i>vulgo in the Querne,</i>
<i>Bridewell,</i>	<i>Olaves Silverstreet,</i>
<i>Christchurc,</i>	<i>Peters Cheape,</i>
<i>John Zachary,</i>	<i>Pedast, alias Fosters.</i>
<i>Leinard Fosterlane,</i>	

## The sixth Classis to containe :

<i>Albanes Woodstreet,</i>	<i>Mary Aldermanbury,</i>
<i>Alhallowes Honi-lane,</i>	<i>Marymaudlins Milkstreet</i>
<i>Alphage,</i>	<i>Mary Colechurch,</i>
<i>Giles Creeplegate,</i>	<i>Michael in Woodstreet,</i>
<i>James Chappell,</i>	<i>Mildred in the Poultry,</i>
<i>Laurence in the Jury,</i>	<i>Olives in the Jewry.</i>
<i>Martin in Frenungerlane,</i>	

The

## The seventh Classis to containe :

<i>Alballowes by the Wall,</i>	<i>Margaret Lothbury,</i>
<i>Bartholmew Exchange,</i>	<i>Michael Bashinslaw,</i>
<i>Bennet Fynck,</i>	<i>Peter Poore,</i>
<i>Buttolph Bishopsgate,</i>	<i>Stevens Colemanstreet.</i>
<i>Christophers,</i>	

## The eight Classis to containe ;

<i>Andrew Undershaft,</i>	<i>Katherine Cree-Church,</i>
<i>Buttolph Algate,</i>	<i>Leonard Shoreditch,</i>
<i>Ethelburge,</i>	<i>Martins Oteswick, vulgo</i>
<i>Hackney,</i>	<i>Outwick.</i>
<i>Hellens,</i>	<i>Mary Newington , alias</i>
<i>James Dukes-place,</i>	<i>Soke Newington.</i>

## The ninth Classis to containe :

<i>Alballowes Barkin,</i>	<i>Olaves Hartstreet,</i>
<i>Alballowes Stanings,</i>	<i>Peters in the Tower,</i>
<i>Dunstans in the East,</i>	<i>Stepney,</i>
<i>Gabriel Fenchurch,</i>	<i>Trinity Minories,</i>
<i>Katherine Coleman,</i>	<i>Wapping,</i>
<i>Katherine Tower,</i>	<i>Whitechappell.</i>
<i>Margaret Pattons,</i>	

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## The tenth Clasis to containe :

George Southwarke,	Newington Buts,
Lambeth,	Olives Southwarke,
Mary Magdalen	Rotherhithe vulgo Retriff
Bermondsey,	Thomas Hospitall,
Mary Owers,	Thomas Southwarke,

## The eleventh Clasis to containe :

Clemnet's Danes,	Newcburch,
Giles in the Fields,	Peters Westminster,
Knightsbridge,	Pauls chappell in covent
Margaret Westminster,	Garden.
Martins in the Fields.	

## The twelfth Clasis to containe :

Andrew Holborne,	Dunstones in the West,
Bartholmew the greater,	James Clarkenwell,
Bartholmew the lesse,	Mary Islington,
Charterhouse,	Sepulchers.

9. That all the severall Parishes and Places within the Cities of London and Westminster, and the parts adjacent, according as they are distinguished into twelve severall Clasis, shall

be the extent and bounds of the Province of London.

*Concerning the members of the Classicall and Congregationall Assemblies in the severall Counties.*

**T**HAT in the severall Counties certain persons, Ministers, and others, shall be appointed by authority of Parliament, who shall consider how their severall Counties respectively may be most conveniently divided into distinct classicall Presbyteries, and what Ministers and others are fit to be of each Classis. And they shall accordingly make such division, and nomination of persons for each classicall Presbytery, which Divisions, and persons so named for every Division shall be certified up to the Parliament. That the Chancellors, Vice-chancellors, and heads of the Uniuersties shall consider how the Colledges may be most conveniently put into classicall Presbyteries, and doe certifie the same up unto the Parliament.

And the said severall Classis respectively being approved by Parliament within their severall Precincts shall have power to constitute Congregationall Elderships where a competent number of persons so qualified for Elders, as afore-

foresaid, shall be found. And where no persons shall be found fit to be Elders, as aforesaid, then that Congregation shall be immediately under the Classicall Presbytery, untill that congregation shall be enabled with members fit to be Elders, as aforesaid.

The congregationall Assembly shall meet once every weeke, and oftner if occasion shall serve.

The classicall Assembly shall meet once every moneth.

*Concerning members of the Provinciall Assembly.*

**T**HE Provinciall Assembly shall be constituted of members sent from every Classis within the Province.

The number of the members sent from each Classis shall be so proportioned, as that the Provinciall Assembly may be more in number then any Classicall Presbytery within that Province. And to that end there shall be at least two Ministers, and foure Ruling Elders out of every Classis. And that where there shall be need, the number may be increased, as to the persons appointed for the bounding of the Provinciall Assembly shall seem meet. Provided, that the number

number ~~be~~ not exceed nine of each, Ministers and Ruling-Elders, from any one Classis. And that there alwaies be two Ruling-Elders to one Minister. That the Provinciall Assembly being constituted, shall meet twice every yeere, the first meeting shall be determined by the persons appointed for the bounding of the Provinciall and Classicall Assemblies.

*Concerning the Nationall Assembly.*

¶ Hat the Nationall assembly shall be constituted of members sent from the severall Provinces aforesaid, the number of the members from each Province to the Nationall Assembly shall be two Ministers, and foure Ruling-Elders. The Nationall Assembly is to meet when they shall be summoned by Parliament, and to sit and continue as the Parliament shall order, and not otherwise.

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